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SPATIAL AWARENESS

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My mittens have no clear front or back—
thumbs and other fingers, an obvious inside
and outside (interior/exterior).
But I can't tell the right
from the left.

I thought of this on a Saturday
sitting in a carpeted seat on the bus
next to the man asleep on his thighs.
I thought how simple and pain-filled
it must be to live in the hip creases.
Such an inclination to fall forward.